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## PRIEST EXPELLED FOR AIDING GAYS

The Rev. John J. McNeill, 61, of New York City, a prominent Jesuit priest and a practicing psychiatrist, is being expelled from his order and effectively removed from priestly functions because he refuses to end his public ministry to gay people.

Rev. McNeill, who was one of the founders of Dignity, a Catholic gay-rights organization, was silenced by the Vatican nine years ago because of a scholarly book he wrote on homosexuality. The book, "The Church and the Homosexual," was published ten years ago with the blessing of McNeill's religious superiors and after four years of peer review. In the book, McNeill argued that homosexual behavior can be morally good.

Rev. McNeill announced that the Rev. Peter Hans Kolvenbach, the international head of the Jesuit order, recently notified him that "I must give up all public ministry to gay people, or

with pain and sadness, he would be obliged to dismiss me from the Society of Jesus. My ultimate obedience to the will of God led me to the conclusion that I must continue my public ministry of speaking and writing."

McNeill, who is a homosexual, said the expulsion order, seen as part of a stepped-up Vatican crackdown on dissent, came from Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, head of the Vatican's Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith. Recently Ratzinger issued a tough new condemnation of homosexuality, calling it an "objective disorder" and reiterating traditional church teaching that all homosexual acts are immoral.

## VATICAN CONDEMNS HOMOSEXUALITY

The Vatican continued its policy condemning homosexuality in a recent document that rebuked the gay-rights movement for trying to change church teachings and civil legislation.

In a letter to all Roman Catholic bishops, the Vatican for the first time condemned the mere inclination toward homosexuality as an "objective disorder." Previous Vatican statements centered primarily on the sinfulness of homosexual acts.

Noting that "increasing numbers of people today, even within the church, are bringing enormous pressure to bear on the church to accept the homosexual condition," the document calls on Catholic authorities to resist "an effort in some countries to manipulate the church by gaining the often well-intentioned support of her people," and that "its advocates remain undeterred and refuse to consider the magnitude of the risks involved."

Publication of the Vatican's letter follows two disciplinary actions against prominent American churchmen who were accused, among other things, of lax attitudes toward homosexuality. The Vatican document provides strong support to bishops in New York and Chicago who have recently spoken out against legislation aimed at preventing discrimination against homosexuals.

While deploring crimes against homosexuals, the letter says that "when civil legislation is introduced to protect behavior to which no one has any conceivable right," people should not be surprised when "irrational and violent reactions increase."

## GAY RIGHTS SUPPORTERS WIN BIG

by Philip Dufour

The nation's gay community celebrated November's general election as an endorsement of their civil-rights protection, as all 69 co-sponsors of the U.S. House and Senate bills guaranteeing those rights who were on the ballot won re-election. It was the third consecutive election year in which all such co-sponsors were victorious.

"Active support for gay civil rights is clearly not a negative as far as the majority of voters are concerned," said Vic Basile, executive director of the Human Rights Campaign Fund (HRCF). "In fact, outside of the gay and lesbian community, it wasn't even an issue this year."

The HRCF, which contributed more than \$250,000 to Republicans and Democrats running for both houses of Congress this year, is the national political-action committee for the gay community. Beyond making financial contributions to 102 races this year, the Fund was also active in holding fundraising events, lending staff, and generally increasing the level of campaign involvements by members of the community.

"From nearly every perspective, this election was a good one for us," said Basile.

In the Senate, where six current

members have co-sponsored the gay civil-rights bill, the election should result in several additional co-sponsors.

Their election, coupled with the defeat of several senators opposed to gay civil rights, also heartened the community with its implications for future judicial confirmations.

"The Supreme Court's sodomy decision earlier this year, as well as court decisions at all levels which have impinged upon our civil rights, have underscored the key role the Senate plays in shaping the legal environment for members of this community," said Basile.

In the House, all 67 co-sponsors of the gay civil-rights bill who were running for re-election were victorious. Their support of the legislation created little or no controversy in virtually any of those races.

Additionally, several new members of the House and Senate can be expected to co-sponsor the bill next term, and the lack of controversy surrounding co-sponsorship should increase the number of incumbent co-sponsors as well.

In California, the 71-29% defeat of the LaRouche Initiative was also seen as a victory for the gay community, as that initiative would have imposed severe civil-rights restrictions upon persons with AIDS and persons carrying the virus.

"The gay and lesbian community led the fight against the LaRouche Initiative," said Basile, "along with an impressive coalition of medical and political leaders. The absence of virtually any credible support for the initiative demonstrates how effectively the community educated the public in California about the facts surrounding AIDS and the dangers of that kind of reactionary response."

With \$261,676 in total contributions, the HRCF is in the top 1-2% of all national independent PACs. Its tremendous growth over the past six years is evidence of both the community's increasing level of political involvement and the growing level of acceptance that involvement enjoys in the national political arena.

"We've gone from being targets to being players," said Basile, "and we've done it by supporting high-caliber people, both Republican and Democrat, and by advocating responsible public policy consistent with the best interests of all society. That's why we're being listened to, and that's why we've been so successful."

Besides the defeat of the LaRouche Initiative, other key victories for the community included the following:

—Senator Alan Cranston (D-CA), a long-time supporter of the gay community and recipient of the maximum allowable contribution by the HRCF, won re-election;

—Brock Adams (D-WA), who actively courted the support of the gay community in Washington State, defeated incumbent Senator Slade Gorton;

—In Colorado, David Skaggs and Ben Nighthorse Campbell, both Democrats, won election to the House in open seats, with strong support from the HRCF and gays in their districts;

—In Connecticut, Rep. Stewart McKinney, a Republican and strong supporter of gay civil rights, defeated a tough challenger who had voted against a gay civil-rights bill in the Connecticut legislature;

—In Massachusetts, Rep. Gerry Studds, a Democrat and the only openly gay member of Congress, again won easy re-election;

—In Ohio, Tom Sawyer, Mayor of Akron, and in Mississippi, Mike Espy, were both elected to open seats with the help of HRCF contributions and staff support. Espy is the first black elected to the House from Mississippi since reconstruction.

The community suffered a few disappointments, however, with the defeat of long-time human-rights supporter Bella Abzug in her attempt to return to the House of Representatives. Other disappointments included the defeat of Rep. Bob Edgar, a co-sponsor of the civil-rights bill, in his bid to win election to the Senate, and Faye Williams, who lost her bid for an open House seat in Louisiana.

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## CHRISTMAS THOUGHTS

by Ann Muller

The Mullers' Christmases Past make a warm, fuzzy but indistinct memory. As Jason's father Herman says, "They occurred and then they were kind of done." Jason remembers mince pies and mittens that didn't fit. His sister remembers two spectacular presents. My memories are a pleasant jumble of shopping, wrapping, baking, and clearing around a secretarial job which was, blessedly, slow during the holidays.

Paradoxically, we all remember the first Christmas we fought. Actually it was a Christmas-Eve fight that spilled over into the next day. Jason's then teenage sister and her tall, good-

looking boyfriend had made plans to meet in our living room after midnight mass, or, in other words, after the folks had gone upstairs to bed. The boyfriend's name was Randy; I had reason to think he lived up to his name. I withdrew the late-night invitation to him, a decision that did not win me a popularity award.

Earlier that same December, my neighbor had carried home a tree and stood it up in her family's living room. Her grown children had been too busy to decorate the tree, and my friend stubbornly refused to do it for them. On Christmas morning as the Mullers tried to put aside their disagreement and get on with the holiday, I glanced out the kitchen window to see a large magnificent but undecorated tree resting on its side in the snow on the patio next door. Somehow that evergreen evidence of the neighbors' Christmas argument made me laugh. "Come look," I called to the others, "somebody besides us is having a Merry Christmas."

On the other hand, our Christmas Present, defined as those since 1980, the year when Jason came out to us, leave sharp memories. Those were the same years the four of us were first separated at Christmas time. Jason was home for a couple of those years after his sister finished school and moved to Hawaii. A third year Herman and I left Jason on Christmas morning to go visit his sister. Another year both children were oceans away; Herman and I went to an expensive resort that advertised, "Enjoy Christmas with us." We didn't. Yet another year the two of us stayed home by ourselves. Jason has now been in New York City for three years, working at jobs that did not allow him to come home for Christmas. His father and I also recognize that aside from job obligations, Jason's not coming

home was partly his Christmas choice. Each December 25th the four of us have waited out the busy phone trunks to connect and say, "Merry Christmas and I love you."

Our Christmas Future, starting this year, waits to be shaped. Out of Herman's own experience with Christmas oughts and shoulds, he opposes Yuletide manipulation. "I would like," he says, "to get everybody together, but I'm not going to force Jason and his sister into it, especially at Christmas time." Furthermore, the dynamic of the Muller family has changed. Jason now has not only a sister but a brother-in-law and a little niece whose name is Sarah.

Christmas for me, more than all the other holidays, focuses on family. And yet it's not enough to position all the family members like little dolls in a Christmas circle. Even if it were possible to whisk them all here from wherever they are, put them in red velvet and green corduroy, and prop them up around the fireplace, it wouldn't be enough. I'd also want them to be laughing and talking and loving one another. And I can't make that happen.

So, instead of forcing that circle with too many expectations, Herman and I have decided to create a Christmas Future Fantasy of our own. It includes our appreciation of the adults Jason and his sister have become, of the values we four share, and of all we've learned from the former cookie-cutter boy and girl. Our Christmas Fantasy also includes our wishes for a sense of humor for Sarah to grow on; peace of mind for my mother and Herman's father who are 85 and 92; sunshine for Sue who deserves it; and a healthy measure of self-love for our young friend who draws angels of men. Herman and I also wish all those who read this column a Christmas circle of real smiles.

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## THAT'S FAIRLY INTERESTING!

by Frank Batey

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Long before Christmas was called Christmas, there were other Christmases, of course. The first Christmases came about as celebrations on December 25 of major world dieties like Apollo, Horus, Huitzilopochli, Isis, Marduk, Mithra, Saturn, Serapis, and Sol.

In ancient Mesopotamia, to celebrate Marduk's birthday, citizens conducted pilgrimages to the homes of family members to exchange gifts among themselves. They also conducted light festivals. The Persian & Babylonian celebrations were called "sacaea." It wasn't much different, either; except that it was the Persian and Babylonian custom to also release a prisoner condemned to death.

Egyptians traditionally celebrated the death, burial, and resurrection of Osiris by exchanging gifts and bringing date palms into their homes as decorations during the holiday season.

Pre-Columbian Aztecs made a eucharist-style cookie of fruitcake mixed with the blood of children sacrificed on Huitzilopochli's big birthday celebration...or so the reports go.

Druids and Vikings lit fires and celebrated the birthday of their sun god during their observance of the winter

solstice in northern Europe eons before conquering Christians made Druids and Vikings call it all "Christmas."

The banned "Acts of Thomas," "Oracles of Hystaspes" and the "Chronicle of Zugnir" are books which tell the story of the ancient Roman savior to all mankind: Mithras. (Which sounds just like "Christmas" if you hold your tongue with your thumb and forefinger to say it.) In the episodic Mithras tales, Zoroastrian priests (called "Magi") follow a star in the sky to worship among shepherds their newborn "King of Kings." Mithras. Mithras was the Roman god of war and light. Mithrakana was his birthday.

The more immediate predecessor to Christmas in Italy was Saturnalia, the most important festival throughout the Roman Empire. Saturnalia was celebrated from December 17 until the solstice on December 24 and Saturn's birthday on the 25th. This was a time of feasting, drinking, exchanging gifts, slave-master role exchanging, family get-togethers, and fa-la-la-la-la-la-la-la.

There was, of course, Odin (or Woden) in northern Europe. He suffered, died, and was resurrected, as did so many historic symbols of human inhumanities to other humans on this planet. The scenario for Odin was crucifixion on a tree, a spear in his side, then resurrection and his gift of the runic alphabet to begin reading and writing in northern Europe.

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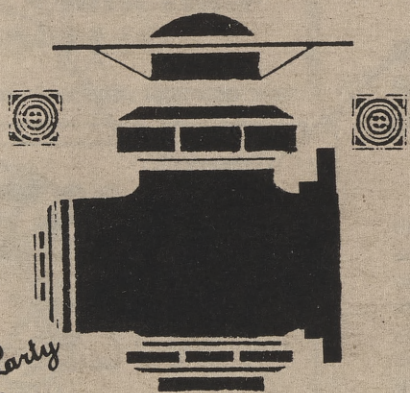
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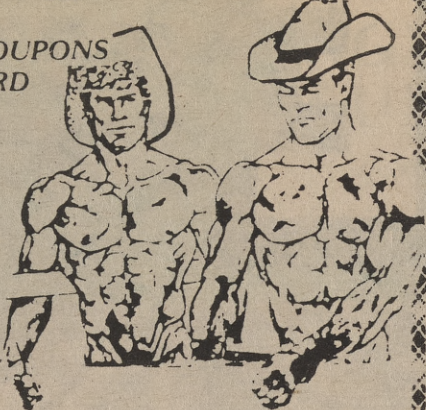
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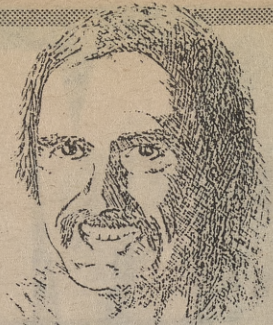
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## RALPH and there is more...

by Ralph H. Walker

"Did you really mean what you wrote last time about how there is no right or wrong?"

Yes, dear friend. We indicated that until Eve, and then Adam, partook of the fruit of the tree of knowledge of good and evil, humanity lived in complete bliss and did not judge anything in any way whatsoever except to accept and enjoy all of it simply and directly as it was. And, since all of us since then have been taught—"carefully taught," the song from South Pacific says—that some people are the right set and some foods are good and some forms of behavior are wrong, we have come to believe that there is some kind of innate quality in things and in people that makes them good/bad, right/wrong. AND, we go about judging everyone and everything from this peculiarly split perspective.

We should "judge not, lest we be judged," and that just happens to be absolutely true! It is not that eventually someone will judge us because we have judged someone. No! It isn't that mild and easy. What is literally true is that the instant I judge you to be stupid or wrong, I am, by implication, judging that I am intelligent and right! And thus begins a game that you and I play with each other, for eternity! For you don't take it lying down, as the expression goes. NO! You fight back by defending your intelligence and your good moral standing in the community, and to do so, you judge me mentally incompetent, or inconsistent, or whatever, and point out how morally deficient I am! Can you see how this game can only go on forever? Or it will and has and does go on forever until at some point in the long history of the world we simply choose to stop playing that game!

Hey, man! You think different than I do! That's all! You aren't stupid and I'm not intelligent. We think differently! And, I'm not a moral paragon and you a moral leper. You behave differently than I do!

Each one on this planet is unique, and that is the source of our incredible wonder! Further, it is only when each of us is willing to let go of that judgement and begins simply to see what is there, that any of us can begin to recognize and savor and enjoy the incredible richness and variety of the beautiful planet on which we live and the incredibly vast and wide-ranging kinds of creatures with which it is inhabited!

See, the difficulties with the insistence that some things are right and other things are wrong lie in the fact that none of us really knows that that is the case. Further, we have no criteria for determining which things are right and which are wrong except our own prejudices and limited beliefs. We became endowed with a very strong sense of rightness or even righteousness about what we believe, and very intolerant of others for what they believe. It does not make for much peace and harmony in the world.

But there is an even more invidious thing that comes out of this. When we really search for our own criteria for what is the good, we will discover that except for a very few generalities, we're not very clear what that is. But, man, do we know all of a long list of things that are wrong! And, worse yet, we only see them in other people. Our own involvement in the game becomes such that we have wonderful clarity about the bad we can identify in others. Further, it is escalated even higher when we observe what we do

with that. We "get our jollies" or build our sense of our own wonder and goodness by identifying, labeling, proclaiming all of what is wrong in others. And, in so doing, we gain a sense of our own rightness.

Can you get some sense of the tenuousness of that and the precariousness of that? You have put your whole life, your whole sense of well-being and self-worth into this terrible game of right/wrong. And, as you are judging, your own judgements are ensnaring you in a never-escapable jungle of good and bad, right and wrong, winning and losing, AND ALL OF THE REST OF THAT!

Well, wake up and smell the coffee! The Infinite Creator made each and every one of us exactly as we are. We were meant to be that way. We can only find our creativity and our uniqueness and our singular beauty as we are willing to begin to be open to all things and to all people—to the infinite variety that is the hallmark of the creation. And, as we enlarge our circle of compassion so that we can include in all of it, we make the wonderful discovery that each of us is perfect, exactly as we are. As we are able to appreciate and enjoy the wondrous difference in others, we come to finally acknowledge the absolute appropriateness of our being as we are.

When we can finally recognize that all of the distinctions that each and all of us make between right and wrong are simply part of a game we have learned to play, we can at last begin to set that game aside.

Why should we go to all the trouble of doing that? A Course in Miracles puts it quite simply: "Do you choose to be right, or do you choose to be happy?"

The choice is yours.

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## MODERN MUSIC by Michael

The old expression, "How times flies," seems to be a befitting opening for this article, for it has been over two years since this column as appeared in The Patlar. It is somewhat like meeting an old friend and re-establishing a new and closer base of contact.

Modern Music has grown and expanded over the past two years, now appearing in eight major newspapers and tabloids within the US and Canada. I hope that you will enjoy the new and hopefully more entertaining format. Modern Music will cover, or better yet—try to cover—and keep updated on the various aspects of the music and entertainment world through interviews with new and upcoming stars, as well as the already established names of pop, jazz, and contemporary music. In addition, news and information from all the various aspects of entertainment will help to formulate this monthly column.

November was a month of some rather delightful releases—one of the more interesting being a video collection which no Streisand fan should be without. I am speaking of a video package released by CBS/FOX HOME VIDEO featuring Barbra Streisand's two TV specials: "My Names Is Barbra" & "Color Me Barbra."

Both are a sheer joy of entertainment and are a treasure to watch and listen to. They are both wonderfully Streisand. Out of the two, it is hands

down for "My Names Is Barbra" (winner of 5 Emmys including Outstanding Program and Outstanding Individual Achievements) which is a sophisticated and romantic work of musical TV that is lost today. "My Name Is Barbra" was originally shown on April 28, 1965 and is captured in its initial black and white state which adds a certain charm to this special. The songs, the style, the look, and the humor are all trademarks of Streisand at her best.

"Color Me Barbra" (Original air date: March 30, 1966) was a first of its kind, in the fact that it was shot in color, collecting the vivid beauty of the special's first segment setting, The Philadelphia Museum of Art with its paintings, tapestries, and sculptures which Barbra took her cues from by transcending into the Egyptian Nefer-titi, a Modigliana girl singing in a French cafe, and Marie Antoinette trying to hurry through a vocalized version of the "Minute Waltz" while in the shadow of the guillotine. This being the second of the two specials, it does not have quite the same romance as the first, but it is a visual symphony in any case. Both are a must for any music/video lover's library. They are a combination of timeless music and visual elegance put into two wonderful videocassettes.

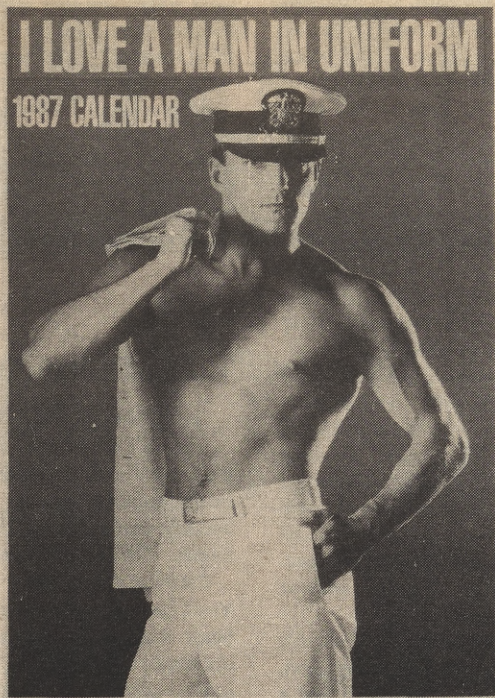
The second great treasure to be released this past month is another CBS product. A new and dynamic rework of Rodgers and Hammerstein's musical score to the ever famed "South Pacific." The real thrill of this recording is not just the greatness of this purely American musical classic, but is also the strong all-star cast assembled for this production, being: opera stars Kiri Te Kanawa and Jose' Carreras, jazz legend Sarah Vaughan, and Broadway actor/singer Mandy Patinkin. Also featured are the well noted Ambrosian Singers; and, of course, we cannot forget to mention the sterling performance of the London Symphony Orchestra under the direction of Jonathan Tunick.

The is a magical recording; all the above-mentioned participants combine together to make this project unique and an exciting listening venture. It also boasts many firsts. Most prominent among them are several orchestral pieces that have never before been recorded. For example, the overture has three parts that have traditionally been withheld from recordings. Being heard in its near-entirety (one thirty-one bar chorus of "A Wonderful Guy" is still missing!) helps to form the opening as a complete piece of music in its own right, much like a major opera overture. Another first is the orchestration by Robert Russell Bennett of the score for a full symphony, which manages to keep the same feel and structure as the original Broadway production.

It is extraordinary to hear and feel the different styles at work, each very individual and captivating in its own way, while still being carefully interwoven together helping to create a flowing and full-balanced recording. This is one of the key factors which helps make this record very special. Kiri Te Kanawa fits well into her role (Ensign Nellie Forbush), playing a somewhat naive naval officer from Little Rock. Miss Te Kanawa uses a 180-degree turn from her normally stunning opera style, opting for a lighter and more natural vocal presentation, which I must mention does go flat at a few notes. Jose' Carreras likewise is well placed (Emile de Becque), portraying an older, masculine French vocal lead. A shining star has to go to Mandy Patinkin (Lt. Joseph Cable, U.S.M.C.) for his very tender interpretation of "Younger Than Springtime." A true performer of the arts. But, with no doubt or second guess, the best-performance award has to go to that incredible lady of jazz, Sarah Vaughan (Bloody Mary). Through her hypnotic styling you can smell and taste the wonders of "Bali Ha'i," as likewise you'll find yourself foot tapping and singing along to a light, jazzy "Happy Talk." Vaughan is in top form, at her very best.

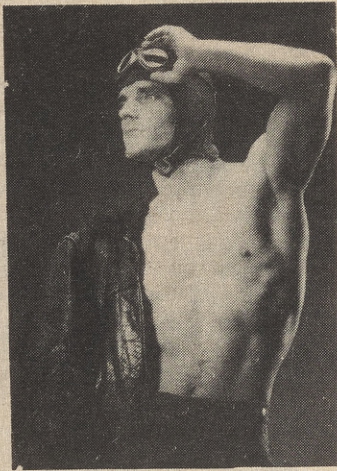
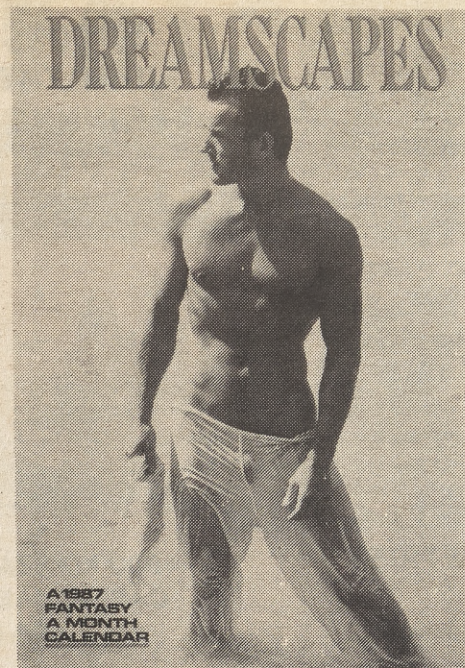
This recording is indeed one of character and of solid direction, once again to use the terms: magical and special.



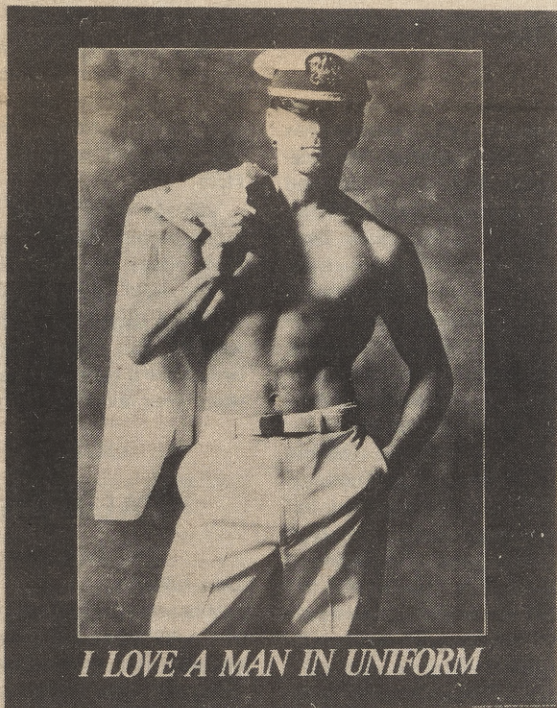
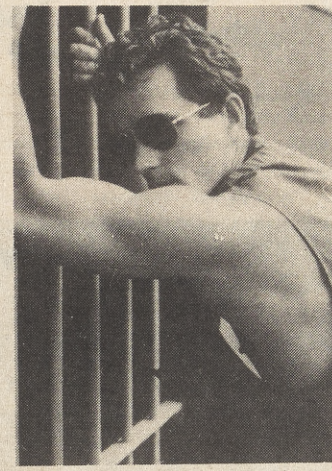
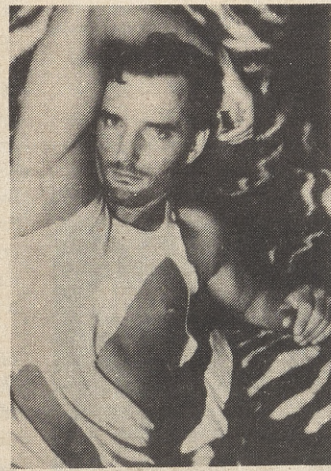


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## "AT WORK"

Surviving  
The Holidays:

Tips To Take  
To The Office Party  
by Stephen Dolainski  
and Stephen Husa

The holiday office party may be a traditional event in most workplaces, but it is not necessarily something we all look forward to. For many of us, it can be a dull obligation, a part of the job rather than a pleasant elective. For others, discretion must be served, so we leave our lovers at home and attend the party alone to field the inevitable comment about our single status. And some of us just feel uncomfortable in social situations for a variety of reasons.

Even if we might otherwise enjoy the office party, we can still experience self-consciousness and doubt about our social adeptness, particularly in the presence of company executives or other important colleagues we wish to impress.

According to Marcia Hawkes, who has a private counseling practice in Montebello, California, none of this is unusual. Hawkes developed a series of seminars to teach men and lesbians how to relax and feel comfortable in social situations. Some degree of fear of social failure ("I won't make a good impression"; "people won't like me") is universal and not necessarily gay related, emphasizes Hawkes. She believes, however, that being in or out of the closet can effect self-consciousness and an individual's ability to relax and feel comfortable in a nongay social setting.

Although Hawkes' seminars focus on the social party scene, the techniques she teaches can be easily transferred to work-related situations, such as office parties and business lunches, even job interviews.

Conversation is the key to establishing rapport with another person in any social situation. It's one of the skills people have the most difficulty with, says Hawkes, because they're afraid they won't know what to say. But if you listen, says Hawkes, and ask the right questions once a conversation starts, you can keep it flowing. Chitchat, that initial, superficial stage of conversation, offers a lot of interesting information, even if it isn't terribly significant. Try asking open-ended questions instead of ones that will elicit only a "yes" or "no" response. If, for example, a person tells you "I'm in the public relations department," your response could be "What do you like most about working in that department?" or "How did you become interested in public relations?"

Hawkes also suggests that while you're listening to what people say, listen to how they say it. People can be categorized into three "neuro-linguistic" systems—tactile, aural, and visual—according to the verbs and word images they use, says Hawkes. (Tactile people express themselves with "feel" and "touch" verbs, aural with "hear" words, visual with "see" or "picture" images.) When people who employ different systems converse, they don't always connect because, in a sense, they're not speaking the same language. After identifying your own system, learn to listen for the subtle verbal clues others give you in their conversation. With practice, you can develop the flexibility to switch systems and speak the other person's language.

Speaking the same language is one way of establishing rapport with another person. A second technique Hawkes suggests is to mimic body posture. Friends and other people in rapport will unconsciously assume similar body postures; even breathing will follow similar patterns. Consciously, but subtly, mimicking another person's body posture can be an effective nonverbal tool to help you establish rapport.

You can also increase your chances of success—and of having fun—at the office party if you put the event into perspective. Even though a business event may be called a "party," it really is a work-related activity. That means you're there for business reasons, not personal ones.

Once the perspective is clear, you

should decide what you want to accomplish at the party and establish a few concrete goals. You may decide that when you arrive at the office party you will greet your boss, introduce yourself to each of the sales directors present, have a conversation with at least one of them, then leave after one hour. Achieving these goals will give you a sense of accomplishment, and you'll probably decide that you also had some fun. Hawkes suggests rewarding yourself for having accomplished your goals: Go out dancing or buy yourself a gift.

Of course there are the very practical pointers to keep in mind, such as not drinking too much and maintaining a sense of humor. Drinking impairs judgement, is a professional liability, and diminishes your personal integrity. Your sense of humor will allow you to keep things in perspective and to make mistakes without reproaching yourself.

As to responding to the inevitable inquiry about your lack of companion, Hawkes suggests a big smile and a cordial, direct response: "How nice to know that you're so concerned about me. No, I don't have a partner with me tonight."

Happy Holidays!



## THREAD LINES

by G. W. Lee

Happy Holidays to you and yours from Designs by LEE! Christmas has to be the most cherished and celebrated holiday here in the states, and this year will be no exception. Retailers across the country have been gearing up for the event since October, and by now, things are in full swing for a great season. A few days ago, a friend was having trouble selecting a gift for a certain person and asked my advice, so I decided to pass some ideas on to you this month.

What to get the person who has everything? One could say "nothing" since what more do they need; but that's not what you really had in mind. I usually advise the gift giver to find an edible type gift for people like this since it will disappear in a short time. A meat and cheese combination package or perhaps a favorite wine selection are good choices. Fruit packages and boxed cookies are a safe bet as well. So this person is on a diet you say? How about the latest novel or a video of a favorite show? Perhaps a favorite album or some good standbys such as gloves or a scarf.

What to get a person whom you really haven't known too long and would like to get to know better is another problem. In addition to the above advice, try to fine tune this person's likes and dislikes and find a gift that is most appropriate to their wants and needs. A unique gift would be to get them a new cologne gift set and the both of you can experiment with it.

Get them an aromadisc machine which will put interesting smells into the air. Discs come in a variety of scents such as pine forst, sea breeze, peppermint, mountain air, florals, and more. Check your local department stores for these items.

Finally, what to get the person who is the closest to you. You may not think that is a problem, but to some it is. In addition to all of the above ideas, you might consider a sexy new lounging outfit, a new bedtime toy, or a subscription to a favorite magazine. You may have to think awhile about

this person, but keep in mind that you want something that is personal and uniquely them; and, of course, something they will enjoy using.

If you have any comments, ideas, or questions about Thread Lines, please address them to : G. W. Lee—Designer/President, Designs by LEE, PO Box 4503, East Lansing, MI 48823. Until next month, Happy Holidays and a safe New Year!

## HOROSCOPES

by Dr. Pat Larr

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23-Dec 21):

It's a good thing you don't object to being treated like a sex object because you'll get lots of practice this month. The object? Romance.

CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 20):

You'll have to harden more than your heart this month. Someone hunky, but totally wrong for you, wants to get in your pants. Keep a zipper on it.

AQUARIUS (Jan 21-Feb 18):

Stiffen your resolve and you'll finally get that troublesome person out of your life; don't let them back in no matter how hard they beg.

PISCES (Feb 19-Mar 20):

Anxious arms reach out to touch someone. Beware of long-distance lovers. The rates go up after dark, and you may have to reverse the charges.

ARIES (Mar 21-Apr 19):

Keep a low profile. Romance will be in the spotlight; but unfortunately, the spotlight will be on a policeman's car.

TAURUS (Apr 20-May 20):

Venus in your House of Romance will have that special someone singing "All Night Long" all night long. Yes, your endurance will be appreciated.

GEMINI (May 21-Jun 20):

Just when you thought you'd never find someone new, Fate takes you by the hand and you find there's more to come.

CANCER (Jun 21-Jul 22):

A high-voltage affair short circuits. Sparks fly! But don't worry; your powerlines won't be down long.

LEO (Jul 23-Aug 22):

A sensuous water sign showers you with affection. Don't expect this affair to last too long. If their motto is, "Slippery When Wet," then let yours be, "Hard To Hold."

VIRGO (Aug 23-Sep 22):

Keep those probing hands out of warm, moist places. Hanky Panky with a hot tamale could lead to hot water!

LIBRA (Sep 23-Oct 22):

Have you stepped into the Twilight Zone? Seems like it right now. Lay low right now—your favorite position anyway!

## FAUX PAS

by Ed E. Kett

Dear Edwards,

Whenever I'm out with my friends in a public place and they see someone who's hot or someone they think is gay, they always grab me, point, and drool. The object of their attention (and/or affections) always notices us; and in a public place, this makes me turn beet red, especially if it's a fantastic-looking "straight" who doesn't appreciate our attentions. How does a true gentleman handle it when he catches a glimpse of a gorgeous straight guy?

Yours

Quint

Dear Quint,

A gentleman always confines his heavy cruising to the bars. In public, a discreet glance or following at a discreet distance are still the only proper ways for a gentleman to avoid a punch in the probiscus. On the other hand, you can always invent a code that will alert your cronies that one of their sisters has been spotted. For reasons that are too complicated to go into here, I have developed the phrase "pink ink" so signal the sight of my gay sisters (as in "gay as pink ink"), and whenever I meet up with someone I think is gay, I can nudge my companions and say, "Doesn't your pen need a refill of pink ink?"; and they are immediately alerted that one of their sisters is in the areas.



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## STOCKTON

by Charlie Preston  
(Visitor Imperial to the  
Dominion of the Delta,  
serving in the Office  
of the Viceroy)

You will all be greatly relieved, I'm sure, to learn that the Season of Peace is dawning over the Dominion of the Delta. Thank goodness the rebellion that I reported on last month is over! The Empire is in full control again!! The true leaders of the Community are dealing with the Viceroy to re-establish the Stockton Monarchy!!!

As Visitor Imperial (and NOT Viceroy Imperial) as one nasty wag would have it—and you know who I mean!, I'm pleased to proclaim that the Metropolitan Community Church Stockton is in full swing this time of the year. Church services are now held at 6:00 PM Sunday evenings at 2737 Pacific Avenue. A special Christmas Eve Service is planned. And a very special Christmas Day Service is scheduled. The Congregational meeting, which governs the true Church, is to be held at this joyous time of the year: December 13, Saturday, 5-7 PM, a potluck; call (209) 948-5277 for full details. Their Lesbian Rap Group meets Mondays at 7:00 PM. Call (209) 466-7356. The Men's Rap Group meets Thursdays at 7:00 at the Anderson Y, 265 W. Knolls at Pacific Avenue. Call Mike or Don at (209) 465-2411 or Jack at (209) 462-9106.

At the Bootstrap, 147 North Aurora, corner of Channel St., the Christmas spirit reigns supreme all during the month of December. All sorts of Christmassy carryings-on are scheduled. Stop by to learn details, details, and more details.

## FARGO

A chapter of Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG) has been organized in Fargo-Moorhead. The group provides support for parents, other relatives and friends of gay people. Meetings preserve the confidentiality of people who attend.

For further information, contact Sara Nelson (218) 233-4720 (work) or (218) 233-6115 (home).

## ALBANY

The California State Department of Corporations has announced plans to investigate complaints that HealthAmerica of Albany has been rejecting applications for individual membership in its health plan from anyone from nearby San Francisco because of the prevalence of AIDS in that city.

A spokesperson for the Department of Corporation's San Francisco office said that it will take several weeks to investigate the charges that HealthAmerica, a 40,000-member health-maintenance organization, arbitrarily rejected the applications of about 200 San Franciscans since last December.

The complaint was filed by National Gay Rights Advocates of San Francisco after attorneys there received reports from two HealthAmerica employees, said Ben Schatz, director of the AIDS Civil Rights Project of the Advocates, a public-interest law firm.

The Advocates asked the state to make an example of HealthAmerica by ordering compensation for illegally rejected applicants and imposing the maximum fine of \$2,500 for each violation of the state Health Code.

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For further information, contact either Mac Seligman or Kevin Moore by calling (305) 856-3474. Or write these gentlemen at Creative Resources, Inc., 2000 South Dixie Hwy., Miami, FL 33133.

## COLUMBUS

The Columbus chapter of Lutherans Concerned (LC) is now two years old. LC is a gay support group that has a full schedule of activities for the rest of the year, including their Christmas Party on December 22 (call 614/253-4809 for information and directions).

All meetings are at 7:30 PM. Eucharist precedes programs. Offerings are accepted for expenses. Meetings are held at University Lutheran, 45 East 13th Avenue, unless another location is specified. All friends are invited to participate in LC/Columbus meetings and events.

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Columbus Couples Together (CCT) is an organization which provides network to persons participating in an alternative lifestyle relationship. The group supports the positive aspects of a relationship and a sense of stability. CCT is open to both men and women.

CCT's first annual Christmas GAY-LA is scheduled for the night of December 27. The attire will be semi-formal or formal. Advance tickets are \$20 before December 25, \$25 at the door.

For more information on CCT and its activities, contact Rick or Thom at (614) 864-7679, or write CCT, Box 2890, Columbus, OH 43216.

## FORT WAYNE

The Hoosier Hoedowners, a square dance group, is accepting new members. Lessons are given that should take everyone through Basic and Mainstream expertise by the end of spring.

The club meets every Tuesday from 6:30-9:00 PM at Lincolnshire Church of the Brethren on South Calhoun Street. Meetings consist of square dance lessons and a short period of planning activities.

Contact Tim W. Kimmel, (219) 436-4381, for information or write PO Box 10006, Fort Wayne, IN 46850.

## RHYOLITE

Residents have arrived in Stonewall Park at Rhyolite, Nevada, and the first Town Meeting was held in November. Weekly meetings are set for each Saturday.

Organizers hope that Rhyolite will become an all-city. Plans for restoration of Rhyolite include rebuilding many of the old buildings that once comprised a booming mining town (10,000 people at its peak in the early 1900s). Fund raising for the community is now underway with "Friends of Rhyolite" groups placing collection canisters in many bars and restaurants across the country.

Donations for Stonewall Park at Rhyolite are tax-deductible and channeled through the Rhyolite and Bullfrog District-Death Valley Historical Society. A voting membership in the Stonewall Park at Rhyolite corporation is given to persons who make a donation.

Living arrangements for 50 new residents (to rough it) have been made and project supporters hope to have 150 new residents in the next few months. For information on current business opportunities and homestead information, call (Operator Assisted) "Rhyolite Toll Station #2" or write Stonewall Park at Rhyolite, PO Box 1220, Rhyolite, NV 98003-1220.

## TOPEKA

A group of gay community members in Topeka, Kansas have founded the Toby Scanland Library for Gays and Lesbians. The library services will be free to all. It is named in honor of a highly respected gay man who fought for gay rights, and who passed away in Topeka earlier this year.

Several hundred book titles have been donated. However, there are currently few other types of publications. If any organization would like to send sample copies of their publications, the Library would be proud to display them with their collection. The address is: The Toby Scanland Library for Gays and Lesbians, PO Box 1144, Topeka, KS 66601.

## BISMARCK

North Dakota's capital city now has a gay library. Darrel Hildebrandt, a professional puppeteer and 15-year resident of Bismarck, founded the Lambda United Library and established it on the second floor of his home.

After learning that he had tested positive for HIV antibodies, Hildebrandt began searching for policies that state and local agencies and public bodies had adopted regarding AIDS. Frustrated with a lack of a central resource, he decided to start the library with his own collection of books.

"It was organized to unite both gay men and lesbians in a common cause," he said. "It is felt that with a common goal of providing informational and recreational reading and viewing materials, the community will have a focal point."

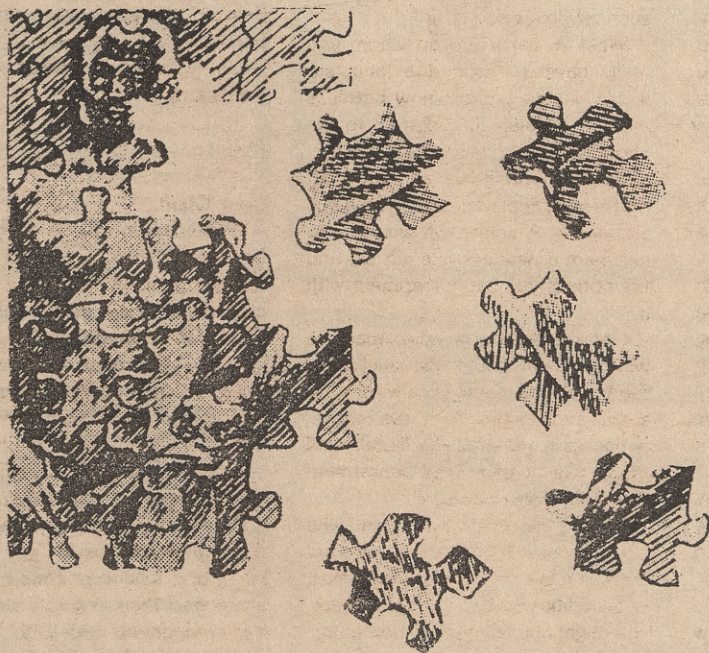
As such, Lambda United is more than a library. It has turned into a casual community center and drop-in house.

## POMONA

The Inland Empire Human Rights Council (IEHRC) held its first organizational meeting recently in Pomona. The IEHRC will provide leaders of groups with human-rights concerns a way to coordinate their efforts to further the cause of human rights by presenting a common front. For more information, call (714) 620-6608.

## LANSING

"As Is," an award-winning play concerning AIDS, is being staged by Lansing Community College (LCC) Studio Theater. "As Is" looks at the personal aspects, even humorous ones, related to AIDS. The play is scheduled for Sat. through Mon., Dec. 13-15, in Room 133 of the Gannon Voc.-Tch. Bldg. on the LCC campus. There is no charge for the performance which begins at 8 PM.



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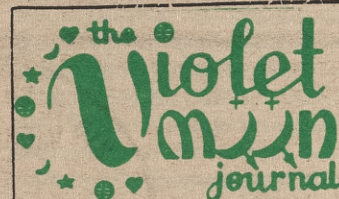
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## CINCINNATI

The Federation of the United States Gay and Lesbian Veterans, headquartered in New York City, is starting a chapter in Cincinnati. The purpose of the Federation is to start programs to improve the cause of gay veterans of the United States.

One of the goals of the Federation is to develop a relationship with the Department of Defense to influence policies that pertain to gay military personnel on active duty. Also, the organization wants to establish a line of communication with the Veteran's Administration to help change attitudes which do not benefit gay veterans. Other activities (beyond participating in activities of a patriotic nature) include programs for charitable, scientific, literary, and educational purposes.

For membership details and other information, write to: The Federation, PO Box 19676, Cincinnati, OH 45219. A person writing should include his/her name, address, and phone number. The group will treat all information confidentially.

## NEW YORK

The American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) has initiated a campaign to have gay marriages legalized. The action is supported by gay activists who believe that it would communicate to the rest of society that gay relationships are legitimate love relationships.

The ACLU's announcement of the organization's new policy to advocate homosexual marriage came after a national conference in New York where members voted on the policy. "We generally think when two people

make a life commitment to each other, which is what marriage is, society should not be telling them that only these two people can be doing it and not (those other) two," said Ira Glasser, ACLU national executive director.

There is no state in the union that recognizes gay marriages. In a number of states, gay lovers have been denied fundamental rights. The ACLU has taken on the case of a San Francisco man who was denied bereavement leave when his lover died. In Minnesota, a lesbian was barred by her lover's parents from visiting her lover in the hospital after a serious auto accident.

Although states are not likely to rush to amend their laws on gay marriages, it is believed that the ACLU's position may bolster the arguments of gay-rights lobbyists.

## PALM SPRINGS

Gay father Frank Batey (who writes for PATLAR) wants air time to refute what he believes is defamation of his character by Pat Robertson, the fundamentalist TV evangelist who may be planning to run for the presidency.

Batey has contacted 160 TV stations in an attempt to have them broadcast his 3-minute, 30-second video response to statements made by Robertson on his national TV show, the 700 Club.

Batey said that four stations have agreed to run his taped response. He added that he will file complaints with the Federal Communications Commission against those stations that refuse to allow him the right to respond.

Batey gained national attention during the last five years in a custody battle with his fundamentalist Christian ex-wife. He believes that Robertson misrepresented details of the custody case and attacked his "character and quality of life with entirely inaccurate information."

Batey, 42, was awarded custody of his son, Brian, 15, in June after the custody battle with his ex-wife, Betty Batey, 42, of San Diego. Throughout the hearings, Mrs. Batey contended that her husband's homosexuality made him an unfit parent, while Batey said his sexual preference should have no bearing on the case.



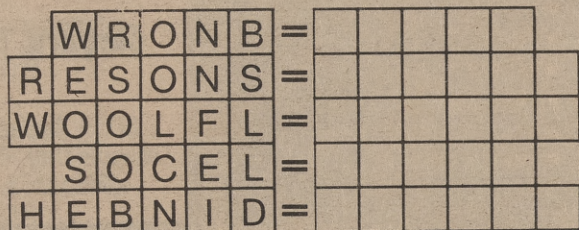
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## SACRAMENTO

Harvey E. Thompson, M.D.

Dr. Thompson, 45, was a leader in providing health care to Sacramento's gay community. He died of pneumocystis pneumonia caused by AIDS. Tireless in his efforts to bring gay health information to Northern California, he published a syndicated column on gay health care that was distributed nationwide to the gay and lesbian press.

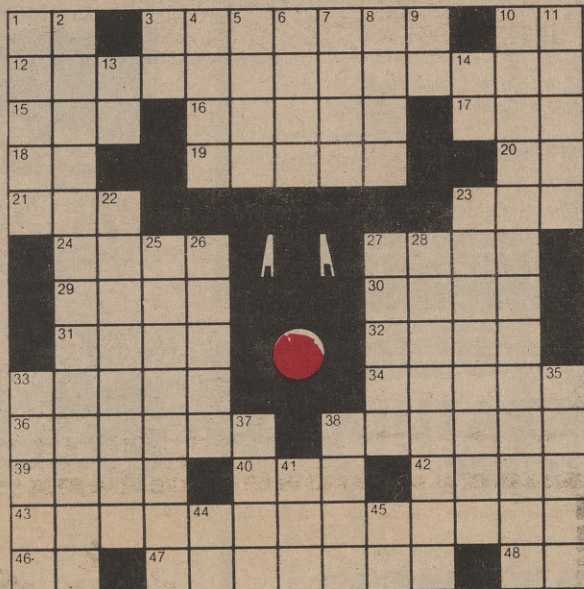


## GAMES

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## RED-NOSE



47. "Red Nose"  
48. Alien star

## DOWN

1. Dwarf number or good size
2. Night journey (2 wds.)
3. Abraham's birthplace
4. Groom (India)
5. Mr. Alphabet called his 5th boy
6. Vapor (comb. form)
7. A carol
8. Performances
9. Chi Kappa frat. letters
10. Rudolph got when he stopped too fast (2 wds.)
11. Representative
13. Article (Sp.)
14. Diphthong
22. Bad mimic (2 wds.)
23. Innocent of drunk charge (2 wds., inits.)
25. Legatee to beer business (2 wds.)
26. True because
27. Ice
28. A man's gaiety
33. Mr. Alphabet labeled Santa's 3rd bag
35. Volleyball spike position (2 wds.)
37. Football penalty (word, abbr.)
38. Posterior interior
41. Wm. & Mary held scoreless (abbr., num.)
44. Son of Ro
45. Navy guards (inits.)

## ACROSS

1. Compass point
3. How to cut tree (3 wds.)
10. Sobering group
12. Hung for a night (2 wds.)
15. Soap brand
16. Reindeer
17. Blew
18. Printer's measure
19. Chemical endings
20. St. sign
21. Bite
23. Wager
24. Cribbage term
27. Sonny's ex.
29. Music reed (Afr.)
30. Streams
31. Unravel
32. Founded in year of 1st Christmas (abbr.)
33. Santa
34. Freezer name
36. "Sucked" through tube
38. Among
39. Crooked
40. Possess
42. Spoil
43. Holiday period
44. Gold meas.

## FORT WAYNE

The Hoosier Hoedowners, a square dance group, is accepting new members. Lessons are given that should take everyone through Basic and Mainstream expertise by the end of spring.

The club meets every Tuesday from 6:30-9:00 PM at Lincolnshire Church of the Brethren on South Calhoun Street. Meetings consist of square dance lessons and a short period of planning activities.

Contact Tim W. Kimmel, (219) 436-4381, for information or write PO Box 10006, Fort Wayne, IN 46850.

## EAST LANSING

The City of East Lansing is preparing to strengthen its civil-rights ordinances. The changes will provide better enforcement provisions.

In 1973 East Lansing became the third city in the United States to include sexual orientation in a local ordinance (after Atlanta in 1971 and Ann Arbor in 1972) and has continuously improved the ordinance.

## PHILADELPHIA

"Coming out to Your Parents" is a 16-page booklet published for gay lesbians and gay men who are considering coming out to their parents. The booklet, published by Philadelphia Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (Parents FLAG), identifies six stages most parents go through when they learn of their gay child's sexual orientation.

The stages (shock, denial, guilt, anger, personal decision-making, and true acceptance) are described and young adults are given specific ways they can assist their parents in each of these stages. The author, the father of a gay son, relates his personal experience and that of hundreds of other parents who have come to Parents FLAG meetings.

The booklet (in its third printing of over 100,000 copies) begins by raising 12 questions that need to be considered before one comes out to parents. It offers an annotated list of resources about coming out to parents; it also provides an appendix of books and pamphlets to give to one's parents.

A list of over 160 parent groups/contacts in 50 states is provided. These parent groups are members of Parents FLAG, whose headquarters is in Los Angeles.

For a free single copy, send a self-addressed, stamped business envelope to Parents FLAG, PO Box 1577, Philadelphia, PA 19103. (Address the envelope as you wish; no additional marks will be added.) Additional copies are 25¢ each; \$20 per 100 includes postage.

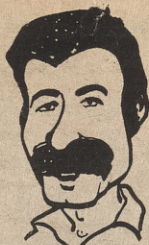
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### TORONTO

Toronto is a bold, dynamic city with a metropolitan population of over two million. It is the capital of Ontario—also the cultural, financial, and transportation center of Eastern Canada.

On my last visit, we arrived from Montreal on one of VIA's "Crack" trains. Arriving by night, we were impressed by Toronto's dazzling skyline, which offers some of the most spectacular architectural achievements in North America.

It is easy to get around in downtown Toronto without a car, as most every place is within walking distance. Taxis are readily available, and the subway runs until 1:30 AM. University Avenue is a beautiful thoroughfare, comparable to any great boulevard in the Americas. Bloor Street, in the Yorkville section, has many chic shops, and is known as the "Mink Mile." Busy Young Street looks like Hollywood Boulevard without the stars. Hordes of attractive young people are everywhere, and if it's true that "eyes are the windows of the soul," you may need to wear blinkers. College and Church Streets are very cruisy, and a lot of 'midnight cowboys' hang out around Bay and Grosvenor, locally known as "Track II."

Today's top discos include Chaps at 9 Isabella, Komrad's at 7 Isabella, and Trax at 529 Young Street.

Buddy's, located in an alley behind Crispin's Restaurant at Church and Gerard, gets the prettiest preppies. Another macho cruise bar is Robert's, 580 Church Street. The top levi and leather bar is the Toolbox at 18 Eastern Avenue. Women like Together at 457 Church Street. Les Cavaliers is a piano bar attracting an older crowd; some local wits refer to it as the 'open grave.' Bud's, in the Selby Hotel at 592 Sherbourne, is the most popular video bar in Toronto.

Good gay or mixed restaurants include Crispin's, Jennie's, Oscar's, Robert's, and Pimblett's.

We stayed at Delta's Chelsea Inn, a large centrally located downtown hotel with affordable rates—but barely enough space to put your luggage inside your room. For cheaper gay lodgings try the Selby Hotel, 18 East Hotel or Catnaps Guest House. Popular baths include the Club Toronto at 231 Mutual, the Barracks at 56 Widmer, and the Roman II at 742 Bay Street. If you want to get a serious 'workout,' try the Wellesley Fitness Center, and for books the Glad Day at 598 A Young.

When visiting Toronto, don't miss Eaton Square, one of the largest and most interesting shopping centers (in more ways than one) in the Western Hemisphere. Another must is the CN Tower, which is nearly twice the height of the Eiffel Tower, and the world's tallest free-standing structure. You may also enjoy a look-see at both the old and new city halls, Royal Ontario Museum, Casa Loma, Fort York, Spadina Mansion, Black Creek Pioneer Village, Parliament Buildings, Queens Park, cruisy David Balfour Park, and the St. Lawrence Centre for the Performing Arts.

Toronto's only major fault stems from the politically powerful moralists who govern the province. They obviously believe that the 'good guys' should get to bed early; hence the 1:30 AM closing time for bars.

### BODY BUILDING

by Rick Torrez

Bodybuilding has become popular in the past few years. Although it isn't fun, it has physical and mental rewards, whether you are a professional or an amateur (just one of the

guys).

There is a lot to learn about bodybuilding; in fact, it's a never-ending process. The learning occurs within the body and the mind. What I mean by that is, you've got to listen to your body. It talks to you; all you have to do is listen. Learn to listen by instinct.

Of course, many people believe they don't have the time or energy, but that's what makes a bodybuilder—you've got to want to do it. Remember, everyone likes a nice physique. Start off slowly. You will see only a gradual difference. Don't expect an overnight major change, for that is impossible for anybody. But don't get discouraged; that's when the mind plays a big part. Find a gym that fits you; there are many different kinds. There are gyms for the professional bodybuilder, family gyms, and social gyms. Don't be intimidated by the big guys. Just go in with a clear mind and get your own workout done. Sounds easy? Well, it's not. When you go to the gym, ask people about your routine and ask them for advice. Many people will gladly help.

If there are any questions you have about bodybuilding, please send them to me and I'll try to answer them. Write me, Rick Torrez, c/o The Patlar, PO Box 22402, Sacramento, CA 95822.

## Lifetime Guarantee Alice Bloch

A Journey  
Through Loss and Survival

### BETTER BOOKS!

**LIFETIME GUARANTEE**, by Alice Bloch, Alyson Publications, Inc., Boston, MA.

Reviewed by Ellen Roth

Subtitled "A Journey Through Loss and Survival," Bloch's book deserves more and better recognition than it has so far received. The book focuses on Alice Bloch's relationship to her sister, Barbara, who died of leukemia at age 20 in 1973. In the nine years it took Alice to come to terms with her sister's death and write this book, she accomplished far more than mere acceptance. The how of the growth process makes the story.

Throughout the time covered by Barbara's illness and death, Bloch is experiencing many intense events in her own life including her transition into a lesbian lifestyle. She began the work she says, "immediately after Barbara's death as a memorial to her...." Alice did keep her promise to her sister. She survived. "I lived on, the one who must tell the tale." In looking hard at the losses and separations of her life, seeing how they have affected her, the lessons learned and still being learned, Bloch has detailed her own birth to Selfhood, her own growth and development as an artist and as a lesbian.

The book combines superb writing of lyrical intensity with intuitive insight into the inner life of her characters, starting out of a window, always in those places of transition, between inside and outside, always in those times of transition. "During the course of reminiscing about her sister's short life, she shows its completion, its fullness as a life. The year that Barbara spent in Israel with Alice, we learn that Alice taught Barbara the 'tiny rules of Yom-Tov, the laws she never intended to keep but wanted to learn anyhow.' Barbara's letters testify how the ancient laws of her people came alive for her, 'I can't tell you how much I'm digging festive things, Shabat with candles and kerosene light and rest and sharing and visiting and taking the sunshine in.'"

Together the two sisters became participants in Jewry, enriching their own lives and stretching their hearts. Bloch's careful list of the tiny details of Barbara's increasingly limited activities as her disease progressed comes through in the following: "She gave me a list of things she wants: pajamas with feet, books written by women, cassettes of Joni Mitchell and Laura Nyro and Brahms, picture postcards to tape to the walls of her hospital room, school notebooks, address book, some shells and pebbles in a plastic bag, a sketching pad and crayons, *Don Quixote*, Blake's complete works, Kerouac, Dylan Thomas and the Oz books.

How intensely Barbara lived and how intensely Alice goes on living. In the last part of her book, Alice Bloch looks at her own life and concludes that "We must identify with those who die." She makes her statement of her position now:

"I believe that lesbianism saved my life and that writing has saved my life. I think that living the life I was meant to live has made the difference for me between health and illness. I think that if I had gone on denying lesbianism or if I had not begun to write, I would have sickened and died.... This logic feels like truth to me...the only guarantees—and I learned this from Barbara—are that we can be alive until we die, and that something of our bond with each other can endure. We are guaranteed a whole lifetime—whatever its length." **LIFETIME GUARANTEE** is a fine book by a writer from whom we can legitimately expect more. Bravo, Alice Bloch!

### ROLLING SCULPTURE

A History of  
the American Motorcar

by Doug Robinson

Forgotten Fords:

1955-1956, Part II

In the midst of the national craze for more horsepower and performance, Ford actually promoted safety as a virtue for 1956. They weren't alone in taking steps to improve automobile safety and using it to promote sales.

Plymouth and Ford offered the option of purchasing safety belts; Chevrolet offered seat belts and shoulder harnesses. However, in the public's mind, Ford was the most closely concerned with the safety issue.

Most of the safety devices used by Ford in '56 resulted from studies done by the Automobile Safety Research Group (ASRG) at Cornell University. The ASRG concluded that there were 3 basic types of injuries in auto accidents; occupants being thrown from the car, passengers striking the windshield or dash panel, and drivers colliding with the steering wheel.

With this body of data, along with knowledge derived from tests conducted at Ford's Dearborn Proving Grounds, a host of standard and optional features were offered. All 1956 Fords were equipped with hardened steel door latches longer in length than those used in 1955. Ford claimed they added protection, in case of an accident, against doors opening. Also new was the "deep-center" steering wheel that protected the driver from a chest-crushing collision with the steering column. Ford offered seat belts, padded dashes, and sun visors as options.

There were no changes made in Ford chassis for 1956. However, in the engine department, Ford did not stay put. As standard equipment in the Fairlanes, the 292 cu. in. V8 was offered. The Ford-O-Matic transmission Fairlanes were rated at 202 horses. A mid-season option was a 312 cu. in., 225 horse engine used in the 1956 Thunderbirds and Mercurys.

The Ford of 1955-56 haven't achieved the same high level of collector interest as the Chevrolet products of the same years, which is hard to understand since they were well styled, offered V8 power as standard equipment; interiors were comfortable and well appointed. And, like many other cars of their era, they offer effortless cruising on today's interstates.



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## Easy For You To Say!

### CONCERT OF THE DEPARTED STARS

by Darin Micael Dark

Publisher and Editor of the Violet Moon Journal

'Twas three o'clock in the morn in the depth of sleep  
Something strange occurred to me  
As I tossed and turned in a fitful doze  
And fought quite unsuccessfully  
To avoid intruders in my room  
and get them out of my slumber  
But more it seemed I couldn't sleep  
Listening to this...pervasive number.

It was familiar from the years gone by  
The tune was sweet, I recall, and soft  
It made me hark back to my junior high days  
And the forbidden radio in the loft  
"Every day," it started, "Gets a little longer,"  
I remember it well to this day  
Buddy Holly and the Crickets, his band  
And his own distinctive, "Hey hey-hey hey."

It brought back bittersweet memories  
I'd long since thought were gone  
Sock hops and soda pop at the beanery  
God, the recollections were fond  
But then he mercifully let me sleep  
As he took his band and the whole ordeal  
I turned to the other side of the pillow  
I hoped forty more winks I could steal.

But then in the dimness of my queen-sized bed  
Another ghost took center stage  
It was Eddie Cochran and his early sounds  
The ones that so tellingly presaged  
The beats and the chords and the whole shebang  
Of later stars and their reknown  
Part of the music that everyone copied  
Though few admitted non-original sound.

Two stars who died well before their times  
I wondered if I could take anymore  
When quite unbid and unannounced  
Bobby Darin stood at my door  
Through Splish Splash and Mack he took me through  
His songs 'bout don'ts and do's  
The first white singer on Motown  
Though he didn't even sing the blues.

Then I smiled as big ol' J. P.  
The Big Bopper to those less versed  
Started doing, "Babe, you know what I like!"  
After those years sounding well rehearsed  
And Richie too picked up guitar to strum  
His hits of the past 'fore he was taken  
La Bamba bounced off the walls and floor  
He'd wake my roommate if I wasn't mistaken.

I didn't know why I'd been the one  
To sit front row center and all alone  
For these stars of yesteryear and gone  
To sing for me at the microphone  
It was sorta sad and kinda sweet  
That they'd decided to play for me  
They did all their songs clear through 'n complete  
And I just enjoyed individually.

The concert that they had performed  
But I'll admit with some relief  
That I was glad when they had finally gone  
For they'd taken my sleep like a thief!  
So I covered my head with a pillow  
And allowed that that would assist  
In keeping these stars from sneaking in  
To use my room as harbor from the mist.

But then a clanging chord sat me straight up  
And I hadn't heard louder in days  
It was the start of a nostalgic rock song  
And the first words of Purple Haze  
Jimi Hendrix then stood in front of me  
Bandanna wrapped round his curly naps  
And he went through his pyrotechnics  
To nothing but screams and claps.

Jesus, I thought, it's been far too long  
Since I heard the best music around  
It's so very damned good to see you, I said,  
But he didn't seem to hear a sound  
Into the mist emitting from the stage  
He just seemed to disappear  
Only to be replaced by a brand new chord  
Waiting that only I could hear.

When it was done the words were clear to me  
And no matter how hard I tried  
I couldn't ignore it and Jim took me away  
On a sweet Magic Carpet Ride  
And then when the Doors played their repertoire  
Left, and seemed to let me be  
Again I thought that I was alone  
And tried to regain my regularity

Of sleep patterns—I turned around  
In bed to try to recollect some  
Semblance of rest and try to get rid of  
The red in my eyes that would look dumb  
So I tossed again and fluffed the down  
Trying to make the comfort greater  
When the gentleman you don't mess around with  
Jim Croce started doing Operator.

God, I thought he'd been taken from us  
Long before it was time, it was true  
"Well I know it's kind of late," he'd told us  
Then was gone before he was through  
By the time he was finished I was crying  
At the talent that had been stolen  
Long before his greatness had even peaked  
Over which I had had no controllin'.

When Jim was gone and I thought it was through  
And—again—I was wrong of course  
'Cause that's when Harry Chapin, Tom and the band  
Started doing their musical discourse  
"It was a rainy night in Frisco,"  
He began and then did all his thing  
WOLD and that Cat's In The Cradle  
And the words sad, true, haunting.

Sooner or later, I thought to myself  
This has got to come to an end  
Ha! Just You 'N Me, Simple 'N Free  
Into my room started to wend  
Terry Kath had been a genius  
I thought and he too was deserted  
Leaving Chicago with a void  
In a state you could call brokenhearted.

It was later at breakfast my roommate asked  
Why I looked so tired and ill at ease  
(And all the notes were still there in my head  
All the tunes and the melodies.)  
And I wondered if I dare explain  
About the concert in my room last night  
It'd be better, I thought, to let it be  
And I fibbed about my musical plight.

So I told him I'd had erotic thoughts  
About a guy that I'd met last week  
And couldn't even seem to get close to!  
He nodded wisely and didn't speak  
As he offered me some No-Doz and a cup of brew  
The sounds of the night before still played  
In my memory I could still hear them  
Though I still wondered why I'd been made

The recipient of all their encores  
Though I didn't actually complain!  
I smiled that I had been chosen you see,  
By these stars who'd been killed, mostly on planes  
So I let my roommate ramble on  
About a guy he had his sights on  
And I recalled the night before  
And the music you could still place bets on

And I wondered if it would ever be  
That I'd see them, wherever they were  
And take advantage of the sounds in person  
And the sweet concert that I'd just heard  
But then I shook my hand to clear it  
Because Janis started a refrain  
'Oh Lord won't you buy me a Mercedes Benz?'  
I was going quite bonkers it was plain.

I sniffed and thought of the coming nights  
And whether or not I would get any  
More sleep or if these stars of the past  
Would serenade me with their hits aplenty  
I considered an appointment with an analyst  
To be a way out of my situation  
But, then, I thought, why should I?  
I didn't need tickets or reservations.

That's when Cass started singing a tune  
"Sweet dreams til sunbeams find you,"  
I wondered if I could take it any longer  
Though sweet, it was sad, I remind you  
But then she left and again I was alone  
Temporarily, I was certain  
And I was right as "Travlin' Man"  
With "Be Bob Baby" was flirtin'.

Eric who was always called Ricky  
Nelson and the Stone Canyon Band  
Still another megastar and crew  
Who'd been killed after their one night stand  
The last of a long line of departed  
Stars who meant much to us  
All taken well before their time  
And it seemed when we were only just

Getting to know them and love them as well  
And we'd search for explanations  
And I tried to figure out why they were back  
Regaling me with the ministrations  
Huh! Perhaps I could sleep daytimes  
And if this concert would then be repeated  
Then I'd be rested when I went in to work  
And I'd do it if I could thus be treated.

So I guessed I'd let the stories be  
About the concert of the departed stars  
And think about them to myself (and, I thought  
Not tell anyone at the bars!)  
I just wondered if they would come again  
And I considered the possibility  
That maybe even in the nights to come  
Maybe, perhaps, Elvis would perform for me?



## SEX RESEARCH PROJECT

A new study on gay sexuality will be undertaken by two independent researchers. The study will focus on the types and incidence of sexual dysfunction in gay couples. James Bahr, a member of the research team, stated, "We believe that gay sexual orientation is a natural state. Further, we believe that gays should be sexually functional. Very little research has been done of sexual dysfunction in gay couples. The work that has been done has exclusively focused on couples who have come in for counseling. Clinicians need information desperately. More so, gays who are sexually dysfunctional, or have a dysfunctional partner, need to know that they are not alone."

The researchers hope to be able to answer what most sex researchers consider to be a basic question: "What kinds of sexual dysfunctions affect couples and how prevalent are they?"

"For too long now," Bahr points out, "gays have been viewed by the scientific community as emotionally underdeveloped, or sick. This attitude is reflected in, and partially directed by, the research done. The time has come for research concerning gays to begin to reflect and explore our issues."

Bahr, who is himself gay, recalls, "I have had to deal with dysfunctional gays in the past whose confusion and lack of knowledge about sexual dysfunction has caused them a great deal of anxiety. All I had to offer them was my knowledge of heterosexual dysfunction. It seems appropriate that when dealing with a particular population, a clinician or a researcher should have knowledge about that population. Extrapolations from other populations are not sufficient."

The study is currently in the data-collection stages. Weeks and Bahr are trying to obtain gay female and male couples willing to fill out their questionnaire. The questionnaire takes 15-20 minutes to complete, and is returned via mail. Participants will have no contact with the researchers, unless so desired. Bahr assures that all information is anonymous and confidential; no one will be able to identify a couple with their responses, not even the researchers. Nothing else will be asked of the participants. Length of the relationship is not a consideration; that the partners consider themselves to be in a committed relationship is all that is required. The only couples who should not fill out the questionnaire are those that have ever been in counseling as a couple. However, couples where one or both partners have been in individual counseling are encouraged to participate.

Any couples interested in completing the survey should contact Bahr at (215) 622-2007, or write: Box 2364, Philadelphia, PA 19103-0364.

## William Tell Reviews: DYNASTUD

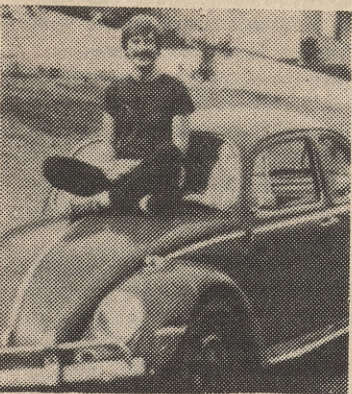
HIS Films presents **Dynastud** (with central character, handsome Steven Harrington), a story of the rich and infamous.

Steven Harrington decides to drive his Corvette to the family's stable. He finds the stable boy to be more interesting than the horses. Said stable boy is ordered to strip and service horny Steven. The guys seem to hit it off; their romp continues for quite sometime.

Brother Adam gets in on the action, too. On the family's private Concorde jet, he makes it, at 50,000 feet no less, with a friend, Brian. Curious as to why Adam doesn't answer the plane's intercom, the co-pilot enters the cabin where our guys are going at it. Surprised at first, Mr. Co-pilot relaxes and things end up with a lively three-way.

There is much more to see while viewing **Dynastud**, a film full of action and hot studs. See it!

## GETTIN THERE



by TOM DOLAN

## A HUNDRED RATTLESNAKES

"I came before you did," crowed Cupcake, the light of victory blazing in his eyes.

"What possible satisfaction could it give you when you win every time?" I asked. "Making love isn't supposed to be a race to the finish line."

Cupcake reached for our little bedside towel and began clean-up operations.

"I like to win," he replied, still exultant, looking as if he had just set a new world's record for recovery from rapture.

I lay back against my pillow and pondered the meaning of it all.

"I love competition," continued Cupcake. "Doesn't everybody? Competition makes the world go round. I don't know where we'd be without it."

"We might have a more peaceful world," I grunted. "Look at the arms race. Soon as we got the bomb, the Russians had to have two!"

"It's human nature or something," observed Cupcake.

"Is it? Then maybe we'd better do some bio-engineering and change it."

"What on earth for?" queried Cupcake.

"A little competition adds zest to an otherwise bland existence," I instructed, "but sometimes it's taken too far. For instance, to win an election, an otherwise brilliant candidate does things that cause problems later on."

"You're not supposed to get caught."

"I know," I agreed, ignoring Cupcake's remark. "We're conditioned to compete early on. One of the highlights of grade school is competing for grades. In high school, we compete for places in the student parking lot, to say nothing of the basketball team."

"I like big baskets," interjected Cupcake.

"At the auction of life," I philosophized, "we compete for the best mate, the best job, the best domicile. Everybody wants the one with the biggest basket or the handsomest face, the highest salary or the most prestige, the most square feet or the best view."

"So what's wrong with that?" said Cupcake. "I like big baskets."

"You're missing the point, m'boy. Competition can be very destructive. But I can see my words are falling on deaf ears."

"You don't love me anymore," sniffed Cupcake.

"That's ridiculous," I replied. "I'm merely trying to reason with you. I can see that's been a huge mistake."

"Maybe you do love me, but you don't love me as much as I love you," whimpered the sullen Cupcake.

I should have said, "Fine!" or "That's nice" and given him a friendly pinch. That would have been more effective.

What I said was, "How can you say that? Our relationship isn't a contest. Anyway, love can't be measured."

"Oh, no?" protested Cupcake, waxing argumentative. "If I give you twenty hugs and you give me only five, I'm the one who loves the most!"

"You're forgetting about quality."

"That can be measured, too. I hold on longer than you do," he countered.

"All I know is that we love each other. Can't we let it go at that?" I inquired.

"I love you more than..." Cupcake hesitated, stuck his index finger in his right ear and continued: "I love you more than...a hundred rattlesnakes!"

"Wonderful," I said, falling in with his little game. "I love you more than a thousand rattlesnakes!"

"Then maybe you do love me as much as I love you!"

"Looks like a good time for a truce," I said. "Agreed?"

"Agreed," said the normally indefatigable one, reaching for a Q-tip in the drawer of our little bedside table.

"This Q-tip feels sooooo good, I think I'll keep it in my ear all night. It's better than sex!" he exclaimed, giving me his Dr. Ruth giggle. "Here, try it!"

"If I try it, I'll get a fresh one, if you don't mind, I moaned while Cupcake kept digging in his ear, an orifice I'd been taught to enter only with my elbow.

"How do I know you love me more than a thousand rattlesnakes?" asked Cupcake, as if lightning had struck again in the same place.

"Because I told you so; that's why! Take it on faith. Scientific measurement can carry us just so far." That, strangely enough, seemed to satisfy him.

"Remember the time we went for a drive?" he mused.

"Which time?"

"The day we drove Julian for apples but forgot to buy them."

"What about it?"

"On the way up, every time your ears popped, mine popped a few seconds later."

"Yeah. So?"

"I was letting you win," he said.

"You were letting me win? I was under the impression I was relieving the pressure on my inner ear. I was not under the impression that we were competing."

"I was letting you win," repeated Cupcake.

"Fine," I gave in, trying to avoid another confrontation.

"And who's the first one to get out of bed in the morning?" continued Cupcake.

"I am, of course. What about it?"

"That's me letting you win again. I let you win all the time."

"Oh, really," I asked, waxing incredulous. "Let's have a few more examples of your magnanimity."

"I don't like to brag," said Cupcake, pretending to blush and burying his face in our pink comforter, doing his imitation of an uncut you-know-what.

"All kidding aside," he continued, "I appreciate what you were trying to teach me about competition. I'll be indebted to you for my entire life."

"How about a simple 'thank you'?" I replied.

"Thank you," said Cupcake, "And have a nice day!"

Just when I thought he had fallen asleep—first, naturally—he turned to me and said, "I love you more than a million rattlesnakes!"

## 99TH CONGRESS WINS HIGH MARKS

by Vic Basile

True, it didn't pass a gay and lesbian civil-rights bill. And yes, it was the forum for more anti-gay and pro-gay rhetoric. But overall, the 99th Congress ended its second session more open to and comfortable with the goals and aspirations of the gay and lesbian community than at any time in its history.

We have more friends, more access, and more opportunity on Capitol Hill than ever. We won some very telling victories there this year.

Chief among them was the July 24th recorded vote on the floor of the House of Representatives which waylaid efforts to overturn the District of Columbia's recently passed law to protect gays and persons at risk of contracting AIDS from discrimination in obtaining health insurance.

Although the vote was on a procedural matter, it was clearly identified as a gay civil-rights issue. Every member of Congress who voted our way knew

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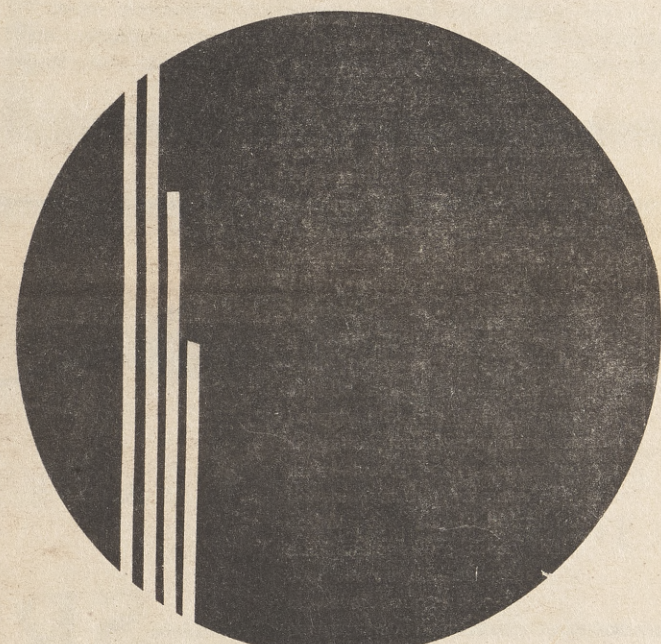
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he or she was siding with the gay community and that they'd be accountable for that vote. It was an historic victory for us.

Running a close second was the literally overnight response on the part of Senator Lowell Weicker (R-CT), long a supporter of the Human Rights Campaign Fund (HRCF) and the gay community, to the HRCF's request to appropriate an emergency \$47 million to accelerate the distribution of AZT and other experimental drugs to persons with AIDS. The haste with which the Senate acted on our request is proof-positive that this community has friends on Capitol Hill. Weicker cited the HRCF in his floor remarks requesting the emergency appropriation.

The AIDS emergency is making it easier for Congress as an institution to work with the gay community. Our relationships with key members of both the House and Senate are much stronger and more constructive than they've been in the past. This can only lead to more enlightened dialogue on civil-rights issues in the future.

With just 73 House members and 6 Senators co-sponsoring the Gay and Lesbian Civil Rights Bill, it's clear that the majority of the members of both bodies are unable or unwilling to go on record as siding with the gay community. However, our foot is firmly in the door, and it's only a matter of time before we're all the way inside.

Another indicator of the community's success in working with Congress is the sharp increase in AIDS funding, and the willingness of Congress to appropriate much greater sums of money than requested by the Reagan administration.

Given the escalation of the AIDS epidemic, it was essential that Congress increase AIDS funding. The funds we're seeing appropriated now

are much more in line with the realities of this epidemic. The increases have been substantial.

All of this is evidence that the national gay community and its representatives, including the HRCF, are recognized and responded to players in the political process. We've entered the mainstream. We've demonstrated our political sophistication and commitment.

The next step is for local groups to follow the lead of the HRCF and other national organizations. There are many communities with very strong gay political presence, but there are many more with little or no presence at all. We need to expand our grassroots network to have an impact on the political process from the bottom up. If we can do that, we'll be well on our way toward achieving our goals.

With the 99th Congress all but history, the HRCF is ready to take an active role in the 100 Congress when it convenes in January. To date, the HRCF and its AIDS Campaign Trust have made contributions in excess of \$250,000 to incumbents and prospective members of the 100th Congress. That figure will put the HRCF among, or very near, the top ten independent political-action committees nationally.

We have a lot to be proud of as a community. We've traveled a great distance since this PAC was founded six years ago. And I think we have enough momentum now to go all the way.

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#### SACRAMENTO Letter To The Editor

Dear Community Friend,  
I am asking for your help.

As many of those of you who live in the greater Sacramento area have seen on the numerous, recent TV newscasts and news reports, Capital Christian Center, the area's largest

fundamentalist church, is withdrawing its support from the Interfaith Service Bureau (ISB) which supplies such social services as aid to refugees, the homeless and the elderly in the Sacramento area. The Capital Christian Center is taking this action because of the ISB's recent decision to grant membership to the Metropolitan Community Church. During a Channel 3 broadcast on Sunday, November 23, I challenged the gay community to make up the money which Capital Christian Center will be withholding from the ISB's ministry.

With your help, I would like to call a press conference to present ISB board president, the Rev. Edward V. Melfort, with a check from the gay community for the \$900 that Capital Christian Center will be withholding this year. Hopefully, at the same time, I would like to present him with a check for the next year's amount also!

Will you join with me on this? Together we can turn this all-too-familiar attack on our community into a very positive service to our city.

All moneys collected will be presented in checks to the Interfaith Service Bureau and a complete accounting will be published in The Patlar.

All checks should be made out to Metropolitan Community Church and should bear the inscription "for the ISB." Your donation will be totally tax deductible. Please mail your contributions to: River City Metropolitan Community Church, PO Box 20125, Sacramento, CA 95800.

Sincerely yours,  
Freda Smith, Pastor

#### LOS ANGELES

"Blue Moon Trilogy," a 180-foot long, 30-foot high mural, will be painted at the Odin Street underpass near the Hollywood Bowl in Hollywood to raise funds for AIDS Project

Los Angeles (APLA).

Symbolizing the human transformation that will occur as a result of the AIDS crisis, "Blue Moon Trilogy" will help APLA fund programs which provide assistance to people who have AIDS and AIDS-related illnesses.

"Along with raising necessary funds for AIDS-related services, this mural serves as a monument to the Los Angeles community's courageous support for people with AIDS," said Paula Van Ness, Executive Director of APLA.

Supporters of APLA are encouraged to purchase inches of the mural for one dollar each. Funds will be contributed through active involvement of corporations and the business community.

"Blue Moon Trilogy" is a metaphysical vision, a contemporary version of an ancient art form," said artist Russell Carlton, 24, who will paint the mural. "The bright, healing colors in 'Blue Moon Trilogy' represent powerful healing energy that we are all creating in response to the AIDS epidemic."

APLA is a community-service organization dedicated to providing vital support and services to people with AIDS, and education to the general community. Staffed by the foremost experts on AIDS and AIDS-related issues, APLA provides more than 30 client-support, education, and professional-training programs.

For more information, contact APLA, 3670 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 300, Los Angeles, CA 90010; telephone (213) 738-8200.

#### BOSTON

A public broadcasting station in Boston, WGBH-TV, is planning a documentary on children in gay families. Gay mothers and fathers who are willing to be in the documentary with

their children are needed.

The show will deal with the issues raised by the Massachusetts gay foster-care controversy: Two children were taken from their foster fathers earlier this year when the fathers' homosexuality was made public.

Gay parents who are interested should call the producer of the show, Aimee Sands, at (617) 265-5194.

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Gay and Lesbian Advocates and Defenders (GLAD) and the Civil Liberties Union of Massachusetts (CLUM) recently won an initial victory in a challenge to the Massachusetts foster-care policy which discriminates against lesbians, gay men, single people, and unmarried couples.

The decision upheld the right to litigate the gay and single people discrimination claims. The suit maintains that there is no clinical evidence that the types of homes favored by the policy are "better" for children, and that the policy violates constitutional protections.

The decision means that both sides will start preparing for trial. No trial date has been set.

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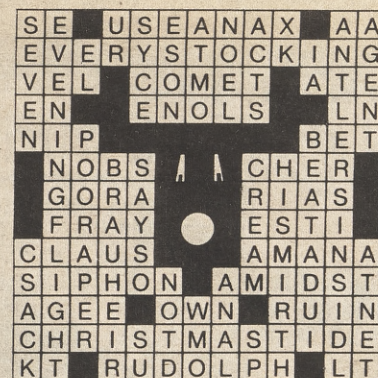
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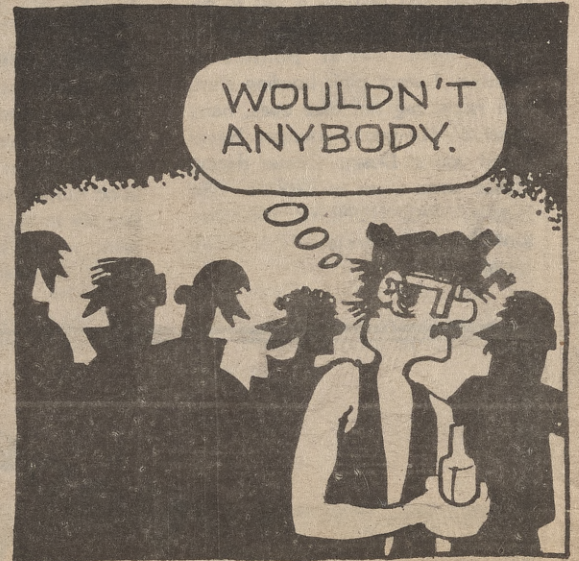
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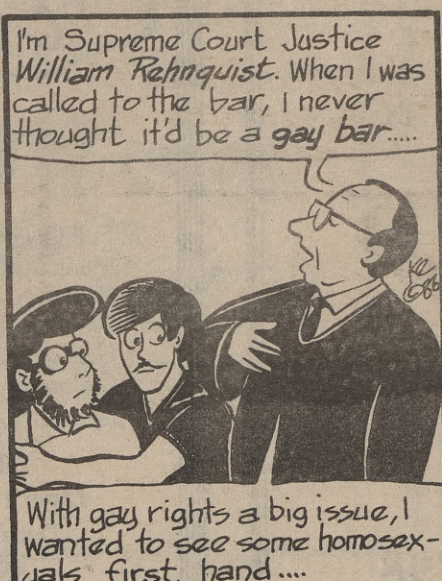


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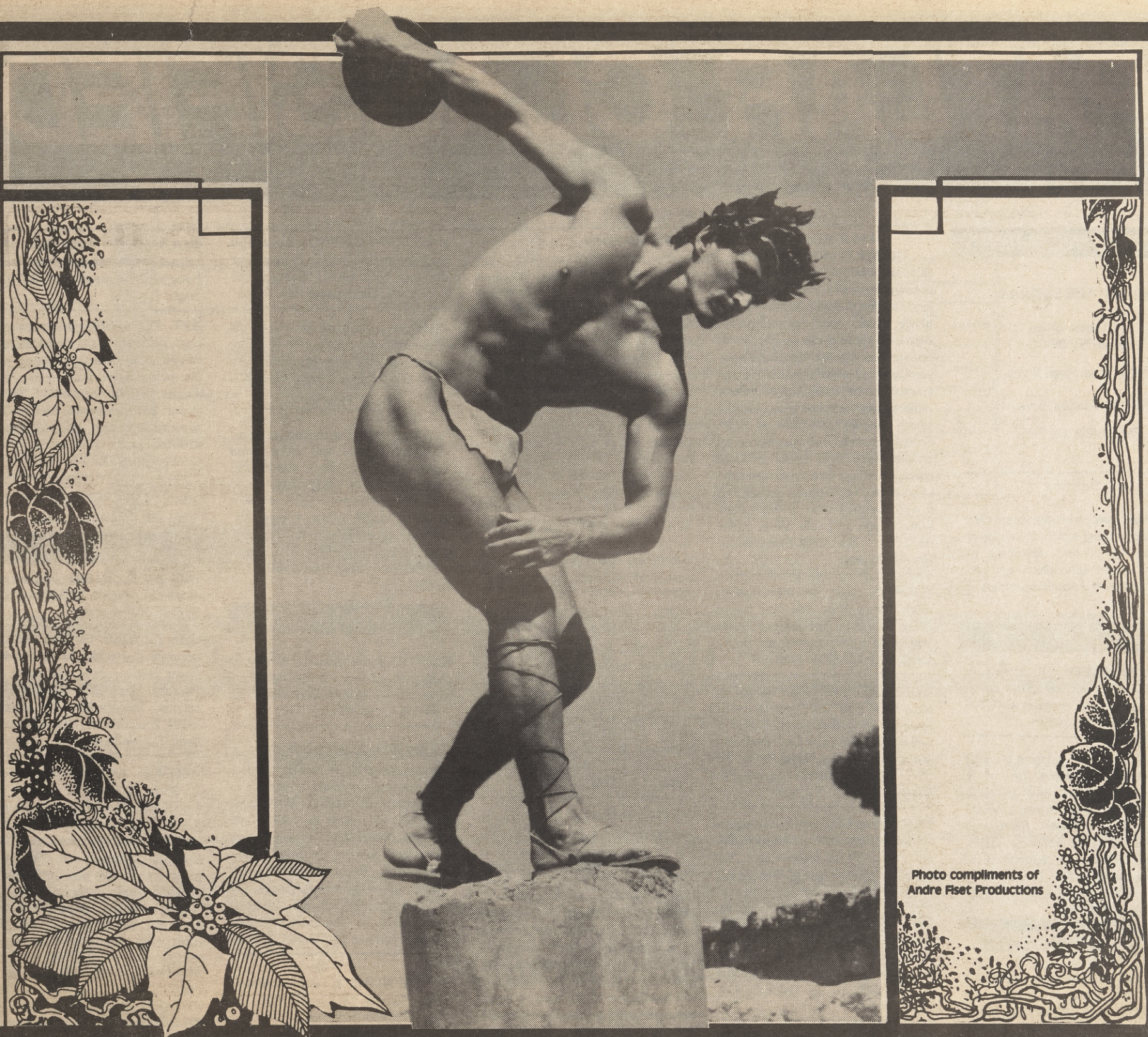


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by Kurt Erichsen







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**GWM**, straight appearing, educated professional, shy, attractive, physically fit, health conscious, enjoy outdoors and the arts. Seek same for friendship and possible relationship—someone to do things with such as looking at antiques, good conversation, going to movies, etc. Write Patlar Ad 1-B, c/o Patlar, PO Box 22402, Sacramento, CA 95822. (74PL)

**WHERE ARE YOU?** Man who has his act together, attractive, with sense of humor, traditional values, and good health is looking for you. Interests include movies, eating out, and occasional weekend excursions. Write PO Box 22402, Sacramento, CA 95822.

**W/M**, nice to look at and even nicer to hold, in the tender mid-40s. Trim, 165 lbs, 5'10", romantic, sensitive and affectionate. Seek that special man. Objective: romance and keeping warm. Write Dept. A, c/o Patlar, PO Box 22402, Sacramento, CA 95822. (74PL)

**GWM** good looking, nice trim body, looking for someone to love and share my life with. Must be masculine, good looking, trim, muscular, and straight acting. I want a "down to earth" guy who wants a good friend and lover and who can enjoy lots of togetherness, and a simple, good life. Age or race unimportant; but honesty, sincerity, and the desire for a loving, secure relationship are. Write me a letter about yourself with your phone number. I'll call you and we can meet over dinner or whatever. Let's try it! Write Jon, c/o Patlar, PO Box 22402, Sacramento, CA 95822. (74PL)

**WANT TO GET TOGETHER**, casual or roomie, with cute butt, well-built. Have oral appetites plus greek pass. (916) 372-0929. Leigh. (710PL)

**NEED A GOOD FRIEND?** Me, too. GWM 5'10" 165#, early 40s. I'm caring, sincere, loving, educated, very attractive, friendly, straight acting and appearing. Like theatre, movies, music, outdoors, interesting people and places. Seek fun guy 25 plus with similar interests for friendship and? Send description and phone to Mike, c/o Patlar, PO Box 22402, Sacramento, CA 95822. (74PL)

**ENTHUSIASTIC**, donkey-man needed to fill me up. Appearance is not so important as stamina. Write John Paul, c/o Patlar, PO Box 22402, Sacramento, CA 95822. (74PL)

**EARLY 40s MALE** would like to meet other males who want to commit to a relationship based on respect, honesty, and affection. Race is unimportant to me as are other superficial characteristics. If you want to spend time with another man, send descriptive letter with address and phone to get same. Write Dept. J, PO Box 22402, Sacramento, CA 95822.

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**GWM**, 41, 6'3"—160 lbs., brown hair and brown eyes. Very health conscious. Seeking Oriental or Spanish GM for friend, date and possible one-to-one lover relationship. Must be health conscious, honest, dependable. No drugs. Tobacco OK. Slim smooth body. 25-35. Reply with phone number and photo (if possible) to PL-129, PATLAR, PO Box 22402, Sacramento, CA 95822. (79PL)

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**WHITE MALE** wants to meet hispanic or other men with dark coloring. Must be masculine. Write Dan (Dept. M), PO Box 22402, Sacramento, CA 95822.

## RENTALS

**RENTALS** available for elderly or handicapped persons in Carmichael area. Room, board & care. Call (916) 944-0660 or 967-6917.

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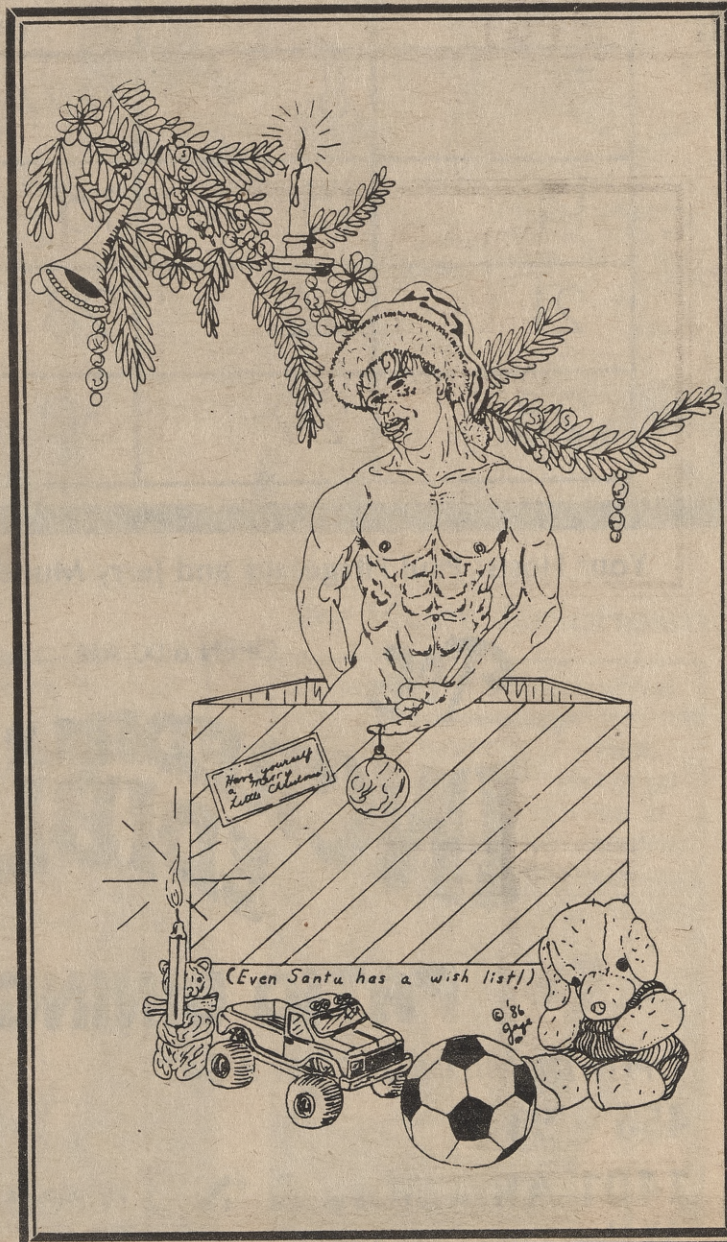
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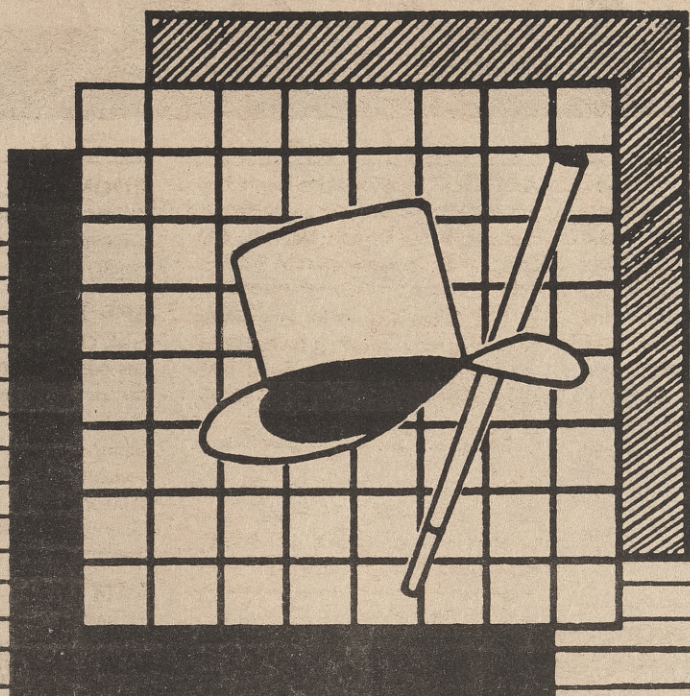
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### —DECEMBER EVENTS—

**STRIP OFF FINALS**  
Friday Dec 19

Cash prizes and a trip to Hawaii  
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## NEW YEARS CELEBRATION

Wednesday Dec 31

Cash prizes, trips and more!  
After hours 2am-4am ☐ Breakfast 3am-12 noon

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Watch Dynasty  
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**Sundays**  
Brunch 10:30-3:30  
**Monday**  
Jackpot Drawings  
**Tuesdays**  
Dance Contest  
**Wednesdays**  
Dinner 5:30, Lawless Lesbian Night  
**Thursdays**  
Dinner, Comedy Night  
**Fridays**  
Dinner, Dance! Dance! Dance!  
**Saturdays**  
Dinner, NIGHTLIFE!!!

## MONTHLY EVENTS

**Dec 7**  
Wheel of Fortune  
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**Dec 9**  
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